

# OFFICIAL REPORTS



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## COURSE IN HOSPITAL ECONOMICS.

THE list of students in Hospital Economics given in the October JOURNAL was not complete.

Miss E. Harcourt, of the Buffalo General Hospital, is a member of the class, and Miss A. L. Smith is from Cincinnati City Hospital.

Consideration of the two-years curriculum changes the registration somewhat from that of former years. It is possible now to take advantage of that long-desired opportunity of leaving the practice teaching until after the course in methods of teaching has been completed. No point of progress has been made since the first class was organized that is of greater importance than this. The reasonableness of expecting to obtain far better results is evident and that, too, with much less strain on the part of the student, which is no small matter.

This, of course, can only be done by those who register for the two years at the start. But then, again, we have help of most vital importance for those taking the one-year course in the class of methods given by Dr. McMurry before they begin their practice teaching. Several of the students are unable to stay for the two consecutive years but fully intend to return at some future time and complete their studies. Special work in physical education has been arranged for the class. We expect this not only to help them personally, but some consideration will be given the question of directing pupil nurses in taking beneficial exercises.

Another change is directly due to a small increase in funds at our disposal, which enables us to meet the expense of two or more trips for each lecturer of the course, in this way giving the students an opportunity of assimilating what they get rather than crowding three or four hours of extra work into an already busy day. It will surely be more satisfactory to the lecturer as well as to the students.

Miss Banfield has been with us three times instead of one and Miss Dock will meet us four days, giving a one-hour lecture each day. We have just received a number of photographs of the new home for nurses of the Polyclinic Hospital from Miss Banfield. We have ample room to place on file any such material. It not alone is of interest to our students but of great value. We are in need of much more and hope other friends of the course will aid us in making a large collection. Ground plans and floor plans of all departments are particularly valuable. May we even suggest that blue-prints would be most acceptable?

Money received since the last report:

Boston City Alumnae Association.....	\$100.00
Mrs. Edmund Kelly.....	5.00
W. Penn. Alumnae Association.....	10.00
Pledges not previously reported:	
New York Alumnae Association (annually for five years.)	25.00
Brooklyn Homœopathic Alumnae Association (annually for five years.) .....	10.00

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## STATE MEETINGS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Graduate Nurses' Association of the District of Columbia held a special meeting December 20, 1905, to discuss necessary changes in their bill for registration.

The president, Miss Nevins, made a brief address to the nurses stating the object of the meeting, the need of all working and all working together if the object of the association was to be accomplished, of the elevation of standards of nursing in states where registration is required. She also called attention to the value of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING as keeping the nurse in touch with the progress of registration in other states.

The chairman of the legislative committee, Miss Greenless, in her report read a list of objections made by the District Commissioners to the Nurses' Bill for Registration. First, to the appointing of a board of nurse examiners by the Nurses' Association; to the association not having a charter from Congress; that the association was not a representative organization as the membership comprised only a small portion of the women nursing in the District.

Second, that no provision was made for non-graduate nurses; the Commissioner was of the opinion that this class should be provided for in some way. It was suggested that a bill combining the good points of both bills, the Nurses' and the Commissioners', be drawn up. If there were only one bill it would stand a good chance of passing this session of Congress.

The Commissioners' objections were taken up separately and discussed in an animated manner.

The Association decided to insert a clause in their bill providing for the registration of non-graduate nurses for a limited time, the conditions being left for the legislative commissioners to arrange.

The desirability of the association appointing an inspector of schools and a provision for the same being included in the bill was considered favorably, after much discussion. Several letters from state boards advising it were read, also an extract from Miss Cameron's paper in the August JOURNAL on Examining Boards and their power relating to the difficulty the New York board are experiencing from lack of the provision in their bill for an inspector of schools.

Several applications for membership were reported.

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OHIO.—The second annual meeting of the Ohio State Association of Graduate Nurses was held in Cleveland, October 19, 1905, at the headquarters of the association the Gooderich House (Social Settlement).

The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Mary Hamer Greenwood, of the Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati. The introduction was made by Rev. Chas. D. Williams, dean of Trinity Cathedral, and the address of welcome was delivered by Miss E. M. Ellis, of Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland.

Reports were read from different organizations of nurses throughout the state. Membership in all of them showed marked increase.

The address of the president gave a full exposition of the difficulties to be encountered in securing state registration in Ohio. A new bill following closely the lines of the one presented to the association last year, was read. A free discussion followed. It was moved that a committee on legislation be appointed

by the chair. The following were appointed with power to act and to add to their number: Miss E. M. Ellis, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, chairman; Mrs. Hunter Robb, Cleveland; Miss M. Hamer Greenwood, Cincinnati.

A luncheon was served at Gooderich House by the Graduate Nurses' Association of Cleveland. A reception was given by the Board of Lady Managers at the Lakeside Hospital. At the evening session Miss Annie Damer, president of the National Alumnae Association, addressed the meeting on state registration. The association received a most cordial invitation to hold its next annual meeting at Dayton, Ohio.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Crandall, Dayton Ohio; first vice-president, Miss Greenwood, Cincinnati, Ohio; second vice-president, Miss Ellis, Cleveland, Ohio; third vice-president, Miss Fisher, Cincinnati, Ohio; fourth vice-president, Miss Johnson, Cleveland, Ohio; fifth vice-president, Mrs. Kashaw, Columbus, Ohio; sixth vice-president, Miss Meade, Toledo, Ohio; treasurer, Miss Dol, Columbus, Ohio; Secretary, Mrs. E. Mason Hartsock, Springfield, Ohio.

After a rising vote of thanks to the Cleveland Association for their cordial hospitality, adjournment was made until the third Tuesday in October, 1906, the meeting to be then held in Dayton.

(Mrs.) ELIZABETH MASON HARTSOCK,

Secretary.

[This report has been received just in time for the February issue.—Ed.]

CONNECTICUT.—The regular quarterly meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Connecticut was held in Waterbury November 8, 1905, and was one of the most successful that the Association has held since its organization. A large and representative gathering met in the lecture room of the Second Congregational Church and the meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Miss Alice Gorman, of Bridgeport, in the absence of the president, Mrs. Fuller, of Hartford. The opening prayer was by the Rev. Frank D. Walter, of Waterbury. The morning session was devoted entirely to business, principally the submission and discussion of amendments to the by-laws. A recess was taken at 12.30, and those present were served with lunch in the parlors of the church.

The afternoon session was opened at 2 o'clock with a violin selection by Mr. Chaupot, followed by a very interesting address by Rev. Oscar Haywood pastor of the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Griffen, of London, England, formerly president of the Society of American Women in that city, was present, and told how the hospital ship "Maine" was fitted up by the American women of London and given by them to the British Government for service in connection with the South African War. Her address was full of interest to the nurses, and, indeed, would have been heard with interest by any assembly. Miss M. E. P. Davis, of Boston, a member of the National Association of Superintendents, and collaborator with the Editor of the *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* gave a comprehensive and very instructive address. Mr. E. W. Beach sang two selections effectively, and the meeting adjourned at 5 P. M.

An invitation was extended to visit the Waterbury Hospital and a conveyance was in readiness to take nurses thither. After a tour of inspection, tea

was served in the new dormitory by Miss Andrews, the superintendent, and so was concluded a very pleasant and profitable day.

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MINNESOTA.—The executive board of the Minnesota State Nurses' Association has been active and has received 210 applications for membership. The interest in the registration movement throughout the state is very encouraging.

By means of a list of questions concerning the courses of instruction offered in the various training schools important information, for determining the material with which we have to deal, is being obtained.

The committee are planning for a large gathering in April and will combine with the Ramsey County nurses and the Hennepin County association in endeavoring to make it a most enthusiastic meeting.

The constitution and by-laws are being printed and will soon be in the hands of the members.

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NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION.—All associations which are members of the New York State Nurses' Association and have not yet appointed their legislative committees are earnestly requested to do so at once, and send the names to the chairman of the state legislative committee, Mrs. M. T. Brockway, 183 West 75th Street, New York city.

FRIDA L. HARTMAN, Secretary.

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ILLINOIS.—A meeting of the Illinois State Association, called at the request of members too interested to wait for the regular quarterly meeting was held on January 10, in Chicago. The work of the juvenile court was explained by a member of that Board and by the chief probation officer. The aim of the Illinois Association at present, is to strengthen itself, to enlarge its membership, and to do everything possible to get ready for the struggle for Registration, which it must again make.

Mrs. Frederick Tice, for several years the faithful secretary of the Illinois State Association, has sailed for Germany where Dr. Tice expects to study until June.

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### REGULAR MEETINGS

CALIFORNIA.—The San Francisco County Nurses' Association, with headquarters in San Francisco, holds its regular monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month. The Association has arranged to have an interesting and instructive lecture at each meeting for the next eight months.

The County Association is also planning to establish a Central Directory, in which all the Alumnae Associations' Directories in San Francisco will combine under one management, and in conjunction with this a Nurses' Club-House. As several members of the Association are going to Detroit to the Convention of the Associated Alumnae, it has been decided to have these nurses study the latest